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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application prior to this response. Claims 2, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 and 20 have been amended herein. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 12-15 and 19 remain in the application unchanged by this response. Accordingly, claims 1-20 will remain pending after entry of the amendment presented herein. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

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I. Rejection of Claims 10-20 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 10-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Pre-Grant Publication 2005/0146623 (Juen).

Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested.

In paragraph 8 of the Office action, the Examiner indicates that claim 1 is allowable, noting that the prior art fails to teach displaying a running total image after each image capture.

Independent claims 10 and 16 have been amended herein to include limitations similar to claim 1. Amended claims 10 and 16 recite the following (in clean format):

10. A digital image capture device that has a user-controlled exposure mode comprising:

- a) a display for displaying images; and
- b) a user-controlled exposure mechanism coupled to the display for:
 - i) capturing a first image when a start exposure signal is asserted and assigning the first image to a running total image;
 - ii) displaying the running total image on said display;
 - iii) capturing a next image;
 - iv) adding the next image to the running total image;
 - v) displaying the running total image on said display; and
 - vi) repeating steps (iii) to (v) until a terminate exposure signal is asserted.

16. A digital image capture device that has a user-controlled exposure mode comprising:

- a) means for displaying images; and
- b) user-controlled exposure means coupled to the display for:
 - i) capturing a first image when a start exposure signal is asserted and assigning the first image to a running total image;

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- ii) displaying the running total image on said means for displaying;
- iii) capturing a next image;
- iv) adding the next image to the running total image;
- v) displaying the running total image on said means for displaying; and
- vi) repeating steps (iii) to (v) until a terminate exposure signal is asserted.

Accordingly, Independent claims 10 and 16 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-15 and 17-20 are allowable at least as depending from allowable base claims 10 and 16, respectively.

II. Rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pre-Grant Publication 2005/0146623 (Juen).

Claim 13 is allowable at least as depending from allowable base claim 10.

III. Other Claim Amendments

Claim 2 has been amended herein to correct a minor typographical error. Claim 6 has been amended to improve readability. Claims 11, 17, 18 and 20 have been amended to improve antecedent basis.

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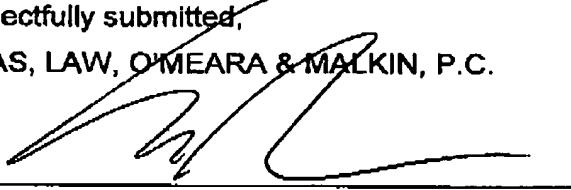
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IV. Claims 1-9

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-9 are allowable.

In view of the above, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration are requested.

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